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deficit of the budget at the polls Tuesday. He maintained that administrative salaries were not the only budget item that should be reviewed...

Administrative pay freezes agreed to this week will amount to a \$27,181 saving... Administrative merit pay was eliminated and severance benefits and unused vacation time reimbursement policy were reinstated...

This week administrators voluntarily proposed the pay freeze and that the board did not pressure them to make such a concession...

Additional cuts amounting to \$58,731 were agreed to in the three other operational budgets, including a \$29,778 reduction in the high school budget...

The central office budget was reduced by \$18,953 through cuts in summer curriculum development funds for physical education, art, music and technology programs...

A \$8953 central office savings was also achieved by replacing an administrative assistant with a clerk typist...

Budgets facing greater reductions than the smaller central office budget... Board member Kaite Ginnig of Cornwall called further cost cuts warranted based on strong public opposition to the budget in the first ballot vote...

Gannett proposed the elimination of the language arts coordinator position, an idea that was supported by board member Robert Steck of Salisbury...

High school Principal John Mahoney and Assistant Superintendent Robert Gutzman strongly objected to the elimination of the position...

Mr. Gutzman said he was "amazed" that the elimination was even proposed adding that, "It's the one area that consistently delivers success every year. It would be a significant mistake to eliminate this position and the beginning of the demise of the K-12 program..."

The Region 1 board also heard in a closed-door executive session Monday a report by consultants David Berkey and Douglas McArthur who were hired to recommend responses to a racially motivated brawl at the high school last January...

HAVE YOU NOTICED? ... how very bright yellow the goldfinches are these days in their breeding plumage?

In addition to fiddleheads, cowslip greens and watercress are out there, just right for picking this week. There is an especially abundant patch of cowslips near Camp Freedom in Falls Village near the road...

Bob Moeller led a large group of birders on a walk in Kent last Saturday. Prize sightings for the day were certain warblers that have been nesting along River Road near the town's landfill for the past several years...

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Pica Represents Breed in Life Layout

By TIM FITZMAURICE Staff Reporter

FALLS VILLAGE — "Pica," a toy Manchester terrier owned by Jean C. Brown, is having her day in the sun this month with an appearance in the May issue of Life magazine...

The eight-pound terrier pured was photographed along with representatives of 148 other canine breeds during the 118th annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden...

Mrs. Brown, Pica's owner, specializes in toy Manchester terriers and has finished 25 championships. She has shown dogs for 30 years. Her animals have won hundreds of trophies and ribbons at Westminster and many other all-breed shows here and overseas...

Mrs. Brown, who is assistant publisher of The Lakeville Journal, reported that "Pica" was chosen by Life's editors as the pedigreed example of her breed on an exhaustively detailed double-gatefold photo spread that depicts every breed and variety of purebred dog recognized in championship competition by the American Kennel Club...

Centennial Park Will Yield Parking Spaces

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Less than 10 people attended the meeting and there were no adverse comments about the plans. Bill Pulver and his wife, Adie, commented that, unless no parking regulations are enforced, the situation on Holley Street where people have been parking on both sides of the street, would not improve...

Peter Oliver, owner of The Factory, stated, "I have more parking than I need right now under the zoning regulations. It is the people in businesses and apartments on Route 44 who are displacing customers in my parking lot..."

Selectmen's plans call for 12 additional slots in the present lower level of the park. They will get estimates for cast concrete grids that will allow grass to grow through the holes as well as for blacktopping...

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up to 51 years on the other lesser charges. Bratter was indicted on rape charges in October by a Massachusetts grand jury. The alleged teenage victim was a boarding student at the Dewey Academy and a patient of Bratter's when the psychiatrist is alleged to have sexually assaulted her...

The victim, who was not identified because the alleged crimes against her were committed when she was a minor, reportedly claimed before the Massachusetts grand jury that Bratter raped her at a hotel room in Newton, MA, where the psychiatrist had accompanied her to a Boston College admissions interview...

Several other assaults are alleged to have occurred during a three-month period following the initial indictment of Bratter's Salisbury home in March 1993.

Litchfield County Assistant State's Attorney David S. Shepack argues that the case falls under a state statute that bars sexual intercourse between an individual under the age of 18 and anyone who serves as their guardian or is responsible for supervising the underage individual's welfare...

Prosecutor Shepack asserts that Dr. Bratter's counselor-student relationship with the female student is in clear violation of the statute. A former Boy Scout leader, Bratter specializes in the treatment of adolescents with behavioral problems...

His attorney, Thomas P. Puccio of New York City and Robert Santos of Hartford, contend that the statute's conditions are too vaguely defined to be applied to the case and have filed a motion to dismiss charges against their client...

The defense argues that it is unconstitutional to apply the statute to the Bratter case because the psychiatrist could not have been sufficiently aware of his alleged criminal misconduct under the statute because the law does not explicitly define what conduct it deems punishable...

Litchfield Superior Court Judge Walter J. Pickett Jr. is currently considering the defense attorney's motion to dismiss charges.

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ported in an article printed in the Register Citizen that some subscribers had complained about not receiving the newspaper's new Sunday edition. Epworth included the reader comments in a story she had been assigned to cover because the paper's entry into the crowded local Sunday newspaper market...

Elizabeth Healy, the paper's editor, resigned in protest after Moser ordered her to fire Epworth for the story, which she deemed critical of the newspaper. The publisher allegedly asserted that any stories casting a negative light on The Register Citizen would not be published in the newspaper...

After a month's silence on the subject, Moser said, Epworth was fired because her story was "inaccurate" and violated "the most elemental rules of journalism." News of the firing has since appeared on NBC's "Today" show to discuss the censorship issues that surrounded her firing...

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